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"WRECKED NERVOUS SYSTEMS FOLLOW THE OVERTIME EMPLOYMENT OF GIRLS"

Atty. Brandeis, on Behalf of Women's Trades Union League, Makes Report Before Ohio Supreme Court in Support of 10-Hour Law for Women.

One hundred and forty-four millinery establishments.

Forty-one require no overtime work.

One hundred and three require their girl employes to work after hours.

Thirty-four require "no overtime" after 9 p. m.

Thirty-six call upon their workers for toil after 9 p. m.

Thirty-three "fix no definite closing hour."

These figures are from Louis D. Brandeis' brief before the Ohio supreme court in support of the 10-hour work-day law for women. They are the result of an investigation of the millinery business made by the alliance employment bureau of New York.

Attorney Brandeis has been secured by the local branch of the Women's Trades Union League to argue the constitutionality of the Illinois 10-hour law in the appeal of the Charleston hotel of Charleston, Ill., before the Illinois supreme court at the February term.

Brandeis says, the great pity of it all is that overtime is unnecessary. In his great brief in behalf of the women workers he has gathered figures to show that when overtime work is prohibited, foremen and forewomen have arranged their plans so that the same number of employes have accomplished more work in 10 hours than they did under the 12-14-16-18-hour system, because foremen and forewomen were compelled to discard their haphazard methods of planning. He also quotes the chief inspector of workshops and factories of Great Britain in support of this contention.

Wrecked nervous systems, wrecked lives and wrecked families follow the overtime systems in shops where girls are employed, Brandeis finds.

According to officials of the local branch of the league, more violations of the state 10-hour law occur during the holiday season than at any other time of year. Some stores which remain open